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SUBJECT: DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON
NORTHERN IRELAND

REF: STATE 243876

1. FOLLOWING IS REVISED PRESS GUIDANCE ON IF ASKED BASIS,
WHICH POSTS MAY DRAW UPON IN ANSWERING PRESS INQUIRIES.
TEXT OF RESOLUTION BEING SENT SEPTTEL.
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2. BEGIN QUOTE: Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE RESOLU-
TION ON NORTHERN IRELAND ISSUED OCTOBER 7 BY THE DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL COMMITTEE?

A: WE ARE AWARE OF THE RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, WITHOUT
SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO IT I WOULD NOTE THAT USG POLICY ON

NORTHERN IRELAND WAS SET FORTH IN THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT OF AUGUST 30. YOU WILL RECALL THAT THE MAIN POINTS ARE:

-- WE SUPPORT PEACEFUL MEANS FOR FINDING A JUST SOLUTION INVOLVING BOTH PARTS OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND COMMUNITY WHICH PROTECTS HUMAN RIGHTS AND GUARANTEES FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION.

-- WE HOPE ALL ENGAGED IN VIOLENCE WILL RENOUNCE IT AND THAT ALL AMERICANS WILL REFRAIN FROM SUPPORTING WITH FINANCIAL OR OTHER AID ANY ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IN VIOLENCE.

-- IN THE EVENT OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, THE USG WOULD BE PREPARED TO JOIN WITH OTHERS TO SEE HOW JOB-CREATING INVESTMENT COULD BE ENCOURAGED.

Q: THE RESOLUTION SPEAKS OF DISCRIMINATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

A: THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT SAYS WE SUPPORT A SOLUTION WHICH PROTECTS HUMAN RIGHTS AND GUARANTEES FREEDOM FROM DISCRIMINATION.

Q: WILL THE PRESIDENT URGE THE BRITISH TO SEEK A SOLUTION BY CONTINUED DIALOGUE?
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A: THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT IS, INTER ALIA, AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT ALL PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED WILL REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

Q: WHAT ABOUT URGING THE BRITISH TO WITHDRAW EVENTUALLY?

A: AS THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT MAKES CLEAR, USG POLICY ON NORTHERN IRELAND REMAINS ONE OF IMPARTIALITY. WE SUPPORT A SOLUTION THAT THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND, AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND CAN SUPPORT. WE HAVE NO INTENTION, HOWEVER, OF TELLING THE PARTIES HOW SUCH A SOLUTION MIGHT BE ACHIEVED.

Q: SO WE WILL NOT SEEK BRITISH WITHDRAWAL?

A: MY PREVIOUS STATEMENT ANSWERS THAT QUESTION.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE REFERENCE TO BRITISH TROOPS AS "FOREIGN"?

A: OBVIOUSLY A MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN NORTHERN IRELAND DOES

NOT REGARD THE TROOPS AS FOREIGN. EQUALLY OBVIOUSLY, A
MINORITY DOES. THIS GOES TO THE HEART OF THE WHOLE HIGHLY
COMPLEX PROBLEM. END QUOTE. VANCE

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